

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

**FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF NSTAR GAS COMPANY TO THE
DIVISION OF PIPELINE ENGINEERING AND SAFETY**

D.T.E. 05-36
October 6, 2005

Persons Responsible: Christopher Bourne

Information Request NSTAR 1-13

Please provide a copy of all Division written responses to a request for a waiver pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 107.02.

Response

Letter from Robert Smallcomb, Director to all operators dated November 29, 1995 addressing request by operators to waive certain requirements under 220 C.M.R. 107, attached as Exhibit NSTAR 1-13(A).

Letter from Robert Smallcomb, Director to William Gute, Eastern Region Director, Office of Pipeline Safety dated December 22, 1995 addressing compliance with 49 C.F.R. § 192.723, attached as Exhibit 1-13(B).

Letter from Robert Smallcomb, Director, to all operators, dated October 7, 1996, addressing OPS rejection of procedures incorporating essential components, attached as Exhibit 1-13(C).

Letter from Robert Smallcomb, Director to William Gute, Eastern Region Director, Office of Pipeline Safety dated November 4, 1996 addressing OPS' rejection of the DPU-sanctioned practice addressing 49 C.F.R. § 192.723 and suggesting operators seek a waiver, attached as Exhibit 1-13(D).

Letter from William Gute, Eastern Regional Director, Office of Pipeline Safety to Robert Smallcomb, Director, dated January 14 1997 rejecting seven year leakage survey interval as inconsistent with 49 C.F.R. § 192.723(b)(2) and suggesting operators request a waiver or petition OPS for a rule change, attached as Exhibit 1-13(E).